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SUBJECT: AIFLD/HONDURAS COUNTRY PROGRAM

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1. REF PARA 2: CT VIEWS CONTINUED AIFLD SUPPORT OF ALL THREE ASSISTED GROUPS AS VERY IMPORTANT. CURRENT ANACH-DIRECTED AIFLD ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS FOR APPROXIMATELY 25 PER CENT OF TOTAL EXPENDITURES--SMALLEST, NOT LARGEST, PORTION OF AIFLD PROGRAM. OF COURSE DISCONTINUING ACTIVITIES WITH LABOR GROUPS COULD ALLOW GREATLY INCREASED ANACH ACTIVITY WITH CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING. HOWEVER, HONDURAN SITUATION ARGUES STRONGLY AGAINST SUCH AN APPROACH. FIRST, ANACH IS AFFILIATED TO NORTH COAST FEDERATION FESITRANH AND THROUGH THEM TO NATIONAL CONFEDERATION CTH. ANACH RECEIVED VITAL ASSISTANCE FROM LABOR UNIONS IN ITS FORMATION, AND ITS STABILITY, POLITICAL IMPORTANCE, AND TECHNICAL SUCCESSES WOULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED IF AIFLD WITHDREW ITS SUPPORT OF ANACH'S TRADE UNION SUPPORTERS. LABOR MOVEMENT PROVIDES ADVICE AND POLITICAL LEADER-SHIP TO ANACH WHICH WOULD BE DIMINISHED WITHOUT AIFLD SUPPORT. SECONDLY, DUE TO CLOSENESS OF ANACH TO LABOR MOVEMENT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT AIFLD COULD WITHDRAW ITS SUPPORT OF UNION ACTIVITY AND STILL MAINTAIN A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH ANACH. SUCH A MOVE WOULD BADLY DAMAGE AIFLD IMAGE IN HONDURAS AND MAKE ITS ANACH-  
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RELATED WORK CORRESPONDINGLY MORE DIFFICULT. THIRDLY,

ANACH IS IN A DEVELOPMENTAL STAGE IN WHICH IT COULD EFFECTIVELY USE ONLY INDIRECT INCREASED FUNDING AND NOT AS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL. FOURTHLY, THE HONDURAN GOVERNMENT HAS AN INCREASINGLY CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH ANACH AND IS NOT LIKELY TO WELCOME SUCH AN INCREASE IN DIRECT AIFLD-ANACH ACTIVITY CONTEMPLATED IN REFTEL. EXPERIENCE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES DICTATES CAUTION IN SUCH RELATIONSHIPS. FINALLY, OUTSIDE THE ANACH QUESTION, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT AIFLD MAINTAIN ITS PRIME GOAL OF SUPPORT OF HONDURAS' VIGOROUS AND DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNION MOVEMENT. LABOR MOVEMENT, IN PART DUE TO AIFLD EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE, IS CURRENTLY ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS IN THE COUNTRY. FISCAL YEAR 1973 SAW THE BEGINNING OF A NEW PROGRAM DIRECTION WHICH WILL GREATLY INCREASE UNION DEMOCRATIZATION EFFORTS IN CENTER AREA OF COUNTRY.

2. PARAGRAPH 3 REFTEL SEEMS TO INDICATE SOME MISUNDERSTANDING OF REQUEST FOR INCREASED FUNDING OF FY 73 PROGRAM. FY 72 FUNDING LEVEL WAS \$175,000. AID/H AND AIFLD/H JOINTLY DESIGNED NEW PROGRAM FOR FY 73 WHOSE MAJOR NEW FEATURES WERE: (1) EXPANSION OF AIFLD ACTIVITIES TO CENTER (TEGUCIGALPA) AREA; (2) MOVE OF AIFLD CPD TO TEGUCIGALPA; AND (3) EMPLOYMENT OF AIFLD PROGRAM OFFICER AT SAN PEDRO SULA TO WORK ON UNION INVESTMENT PROGRAM TO INCREASE EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING CLASS WAGES. NO SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN ANACH-RELATED AIFLD ACTIVITY WAS CONTEMPLATED. THIS NEW PROGRAM WAS INCLUDED IN REGIONAL CONTRACT AS HONDURAS APPENDIX FOR FY 73. HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH XVS PROGRAM WAS CONTRACTED FOR, FUNDING LEVEL WAS RAISED ONLY TO \$185,000, A LEVEL INSUFFICIENT TO ALLOW AIFLD TO FULFILL APPENDIX PROGRAM. INCREASE REQUESTED FOR FY 73 IHS TO ALLOW AIFLD TO FULFILL ALREADY CONTRACTED PROGRAM. INCREASE REQUESTED FOR FY 74 IS TO ALLOW AIFLD TO MAINTAIN LEVEL OF ACTIVITY ENVISIONED BY NEW PROGRAM DIRECTION AS DESCRIBED IN CURRENT APPENDIX. COUNTRMX TEAM STRONGLY RECOMMENDS INCREASES SUPPORTED REFTELS.

3. ANSWER TO QUESTIONS OF ARTICLE V AIFLD REGIONAL CONTRACT

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